

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Our democracy depends upon a diverse and robust media that ensures the free flow of information from a wide array of sources and viewpoints. It is only necessary to observe the impact of the ownership concentration (large national corporations) to see the diminished ability of the news media to engage in a critical "watch dog" role over private and public interests.